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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2354

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ammiano and Evans)

February 19, 2010

An act relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2354, as amended, V. Manuel Pérez. Promotores: medically underserved communities: federal grants.

Existing law establishes training and certification programs for various healing arts professionals including, among others, nurses, midwives, occupational therapists, dietitians, and social workers.

This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to assess the grants to promote positive health behaviors and outcomes available pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for funding opportunities related to the use of promotores, as defined, in medically underserved communities, require the department, in consultation with the University of California, to include in this assessment an inventory of ~~the existing~~ *prescribed* programs related to the use of promotores in California ~~that are administered by the state~~

or a local government, and report on this assessment to the fiscal and health policy committees of the Legislature by April 1, 2011, with recommendations for attaining and maximizing federal funding. This bill would also require the department to rely upon past research about the efficacy of promotores and not permit the department to conduct new research.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall
2 assess the grants to promote positive health behaviors and outcomes
3 available pursuant to Section 399V of the federal Patient Protection
4 and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) for funding
5 opportunities related to the use of promotores, also known as
6 community health workers, in medically underserved communities.
7 The department, in consultation with the University of California,
8 shall include in this assessment an inventory of the existing
9 programs related to the use of promotores in California that are
10 administered by the state or a local government, *federally qualified*
11 *health centers, or clinics, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section*
12 *1204 of the Health and Safety Code.* The department shall report
13 on this assessment to the fiscal and health policy committees of
14 the Legislature by April 1, 2011, with recommendations for
15 attaining and maximizing federal funding.
16 (b) The assessment made by the department pursuant to
17 subdivision (a) shall rely upon past research about the efficacy of
18 promotores and the department may not conduct new research.
19 (c) For purposes of this section, “promotores” means promotores
20 de salud, also known as community health workers, peer leaders,
21 or health advocates, who serve as a bridge between the community
22 and the public health care system by providing health education,
23 health promotion, prevention, informational counseling and referral
24 information, as well as resources, in a manner that is culturally
25 and linguistically appropriate.
26 (d) (1) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a)
27 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
28 Government Code.

1 (2) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
2 section is repealed on April 1, 2015.

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